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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. GILLMOR).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
April 5, 2000.

I hereby appoint the Honorable PAUL E. GILLMOR to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Reverend Jim Fisher, Chaplain, U.S. Coast Guard, Washington, DC, offered the following prayer:

"Oh beautiful for heroes proved, in liberating strife,

"Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!

"America! America! May God thy gold refine,

"Till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine!"

El-Shaddai, Almighty God of many heroes, present and past,

The manifestation of human strife may appear today in this sacred Hall. Challenges may be offered, retorts may be heard. For petty angers and egos, forgive, O Lord.

Cast upon each member of this noble assembly, each a hero of our homeland, the radiant countenance of Your Holy Face. Cause every member here to reflect anew upon their deep and abiding love for our Nation, and every inhabitant thereof.

May their unity and commitment become a source of inspiration for this divine dream we call America. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. PHELPS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. PHELPS led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

CONSIDERING MEMBER AS FIRST SPONSOR OF H.R. 2077, SEQUOIA ECOSYSTEM AND RECREATION PRESERVE ACT OF 1999

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that I may hereafter be considered as the first sponsor of H.R. 2077, a bill originally introduced by Representative Brown of California, for the purposes of adding cosponsors and requesting reprints pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain 15 one-minutes per side.

CHAPLAIN JAMES R. FISHER

(Mr. PHELPS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PHELPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give thanks and recognize Chaplain James R. Fisher of the United States Coast Guard, who has just delivered the opening prayer this morning in the United States House of Representatives.

I would first like to thank Chaplain Coughlin of the House for extending this prestigious invitation to Chaplain Fisher. Chaplain Fisher is a resident of Mt. Carmel, Illinois, which is in my district, and was the son of a United States Air Force career officer.

Chaplain Fisher received his bachelor's degree from Virginia Tech and went on to attend North Park Seminary in Chicago and Yale Divinity School in Connecticut for his religious education.

In 1983 he was ordained in the Evangelical Covenant Church in Chicago, Illinois. He also served as a missionary in the Yupik Eskimo Village of Mountain Village, Alaska.

Chaplain Fisher has a long and distinguished Naval career. He was commissioned in 1983 and has served on the U.S.S. *Suribachi* and the U.S.S. *Essex*; been stationed at the Marine Corps base at Camp Pendleton of California; Naval Air Station in Sigonella, Sicily, in Italy; and is currently the deputy chaplain of the Coast Guard in Washington, DC.

Throughout his service in the Navy and Coast Guard, he has received many awards too numerous to mention in these remarks.

Chaplain Fisher's proudest accomplishment, though, has been his marriage to Lori Christian since 1977 and the three sons they share, Jacob, Caleb and Josiah.

Mr. Speaker, it has been my pleasure to introduce Chaplain Fisher, and I am very honored to do so.

TRIBUTE TO 2000 CENTRAL CABARRUS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM

(Mr. HAYES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HAYES. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor and pleasure to rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding group of student athletes from Concord in North Carolina's Eighth District.

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